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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-154—sHB 6638

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATION
OF A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OR
USE OF A DIRT BIKE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR SNOWMOBILE**

SUMMARY: This act increases the maximum penalties allowed for violations of municipal ordinances regulating certain dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), and snowmobile use. It authorizes municipalities with ordinances on dirt bike operation and use on public property, including hours of use, to set the penalty for violating such ordinance at no more than:

1. \$1,000 for the first violation,
2. \$1,500 for the second violation, and
3. \$2,000 for subsequent violations.

The act allows municipalities to adopt the same penalty structure for ordinance violations related to the operation and use, including hours and zones of use, of ATVs or snowmobiles. By law, the fine for violating local ordinances and regulations is capped at \$250 unless a statute specifically provides for a different amount (CGS § 7-148).

The act defines a dirt bike as a two-wheeled motorized recreational vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain but not public highways (including public streets and roads). The definition excludes ATVs and motor-driven cycles.

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